

REMARKS

The claims are 10 and 11. The sole rejection of the claims is under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs; no art rejection is pending. Accordingly, once the informalities alleged to be present by the Examiner are resolved, the claims should be in allowable form.

Claims 10 and 11 were not deemed enabled in that both a pressure gauge and an evacuation means were required to reduce pressure between the shut-off valves. Claim 10 was deemed indefinite for the same reason and was also said to be unclear in failing to recite a detection step for gas leakage.

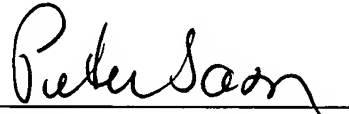
Without admitting the propriety of these objections and solely to expedite prosecution, claim 10 has been amended to resolve the alleged informalities.

Wherefore, the amendment should be entered since it places the case in allowable form and/or resolves informalities raised by the Examiner to place the case in better form for appeal.

The final rejection should be withdrawn, the claims allowed and the case passed to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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